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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 the materials set forth on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08a form are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Applicants' principal representatives in Germany forwarded to the undersigned a copy of an Office Action from the German Patent Office, which Office Action was issued on October 5, 2006 in a German patent application whose disclosure is similar to the disclosure of the subject U.S. patent application. A copy of that Office Action is enclosed. As may be seen at page 2 of that Office Action, six documents were cited. Of these, the first, WO 2004/085153 is the PCT publication which corresponds to the subject U.S. patent application. U.S. patent application No. 2002/0056216 and JP 10-

202840 are both already of record in the U.S. application.

The three documents listed on the PTO/SB/08a form are not believed to be prior art with respect to the subject U.S. application, which claims priority to a German application which was filed on March 28, 2003. Each of the enclosed three documents has a publication date, as well as a filing date, after the German priority application filing date of the subject application. These documents are being submitted in accordance with conservative practice.

DE 103 41 306 and DE 103 45 290 are both accompanied by English language abstracts. EP 1 559 572 is in the English language.

Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, is respectfully requested.

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	1	DE 103 45 290 A1	04/28/2005	Peisker et al.		
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	3	EP 1 559 572 A1	12/22/2004	Rossini et al.		

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